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of the

TOWER GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Incorporated May 14, 1909

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

BE IT KNOWN, that whereas—George Warren Tower, George R. Tower, Francis Leon Tower, Walter Lamont Tower, Sarah Tower, John Ibrook Tower, Levi L. Tower, Lillian Leslie Tower and Burgess Clifford Tower have associated themselves with the intention of forming a corporation under the name of the TOWER GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, for the purpose of uniting socially the descendants of John Tower, and the descendants of any of the ancestors of said John Tower, and the husbands and wives of said descendants, and holding meetings and reunions of the same, promoting antiquarian research among the members of the Tower family, collecting, compiling and publishing genealogical, biographical and historical data, and disseminating knowledge of the history of the Tower family; also to possess, acquire by gift, purchase or otherwise, own, lease, establish, maintain, mortgage, sell or otherwise dispose of monuments and memorial buildings to the memory of any of the ancestors of any of the members, buildings for the purpose of museums, buildings of historical interest, buildings adapted to the holding of reunions and meeting-places, and land for the erection of, or location of, or upon which are situated any of the aforementioned monuments or buildings, or which surround the same, and personal property, including objects of historical interest, or other personal property which may be used in carrying out the purposes of this organization; and have complied with the provisions of the statutes of this Commonwealth in such case made and provided, as appears from the certificate of the PRESIDENT, TREASURER, RECORDING SECRETARY AND EXECUTIVE BOARD of said corporation, duly approved by the Commissioner of Corporations and recorded in this office:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William M. Olin, Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that said GEORGE WARREN TOWER, GEORGE R. TOWER, FRANCIS LEON TOWER, WALTER LAMONT TOWER, SARAH TOWER, JOHN IBROOK TOWER, LEVI L. TOWER, LILLIAN LESLIE TOWER AND BURGESS CLIFFORD TOWER, their associates and successors, are legally organized and established as, and are hereby made, an existing corporation under the name of the TOWER GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, with the powers, rights and privileges, and subject to the limitations, duties and restrictions which by law appertain thereto.

SEAL

WITNESS, my official signature hereunto subscribed, and the Great Seal of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts hereunto affixed, this FOURTEENTH day of MAY, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and nine.

WM. M. OLIN,
Secretary.

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OFFICERS

of the

TOWER GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

(INCORPORATED)

PAST AND PRESENT

DEAD *GEORGE WARREN TOWER, *President*
May 10, 1909, to July 3, 1916

JAMES WALLACE TOWER, *President*
July 3, 1916, to

*WALTER LAMONT TOWER, *Vice-President*
May 10, 1909, to June 18, 1910

DEAD DANIEL NICHOLS TOWER, *Vice-President*
June 18, 1910, to

*SARAH (HEALD) TOWER, *Corresponding Secretary*
May 10, 1909, to June 3, 1909

*WALTER LAMONT TOWER, *Corresponding Secretary*
June 3, 1909, to

*FRANCIS LEON TOWER, *Recording Secretary*
May 10, 1909, to June 20, 1918

*WALTER LAMONT TOWER, *Recording Secretary*
June 20, 1918, to

*GEORGE REDINGTON TOWER, *Treasurer*
May 10, 1909, to June 18, 1910

JAMES WALLACE TOWER, *Treasurer*
June 18, 1910, to July 3, 1916

DEAD OLIVER TOWER, *Treasurer*
July 3, 1916, to June 20, 1918

GILBERT JUDSON TOWER, *Treasurer*
June 20, 1918, to

CARL VERNON TOWER, *Asst. Recording Secretary*
Feb. 13, 1915, to June 20, 1918

DEAD MRS. ELECTA (GREGORY) TOWER, *Asst. Rec. Secretary*
June 20, 1918, to

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

†*Levi Lincoln Tower
May 10, 1909, to June 18, 1912

*John Ibrook Tower
May 10, 1909, to June 3, 1909

*Mrs. Lillian Leslie (Johnson) Tower
May 10, 1909, to June 3, 1909

*Burgess Clifford Tower
May 10, 1909, to June 3, 1909

Oliver Tower
June 3, 1909, to July 3, 1916

‡*Mrs. Sarah (Heald) Tower
June 3, 1909, to Nov. 12, 1910

James Wallace Tower
June 3, 1909, to June 18, 1910

Henry Augustus Tower
June 3, 1909, to June 18, 1910

John Henry Tower
June 18, 1910, to

Carl Vernon Tower
Nov. 12, 1910, to Feb. 13, 1915

Florence Estelle Tower
July 20, 1912, to

*George Warren Tower
July 3, 1916, to

Frank Warren Tower
June 20, 1918, to

Lucius Warren Bartlett, *Auditor*
June 3, 1911, to Aug 23, 1918

Herbert Lorenzo Tower, *Auditor*
Aug. 23, 1918 to

The Society was incorporated May 9, 1909, and Temporary Officers were elected May 10, 1909. Permanent Officers were elected May 31, 1909 (a legal holiday) and were legally elected June 3, 1909.

*Member of Original Organization. †Died in office. ‡Resigned Office.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

Name and Location

Section 1. *Name.* The name of this association is the Tower Genealogical Society.

Section 2. *Location.* The principal office of this Society shall be located at Boston, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

ARTICLE II

Objects

Section 1. *Objects.* The objects of this Society shall be as set forth in the Agreement of Association and in the Charter incorporating this Society under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

ARTICLE III

Members

Section 1. *Members.* Any descendant of the John Tower who came from England in 1637 and settled in Hingham, Mass.; any descendant of any of the ancestors of said John Tower, and any husband or wife of any of said descendants may become a member of this Society by making application therefor to the Executive Board of this Society, paying the membership fee, and proving to the satisfaction of the Executive Board that the applicant for membership is a descendant of the said John Tower, or of some of his ancestors, or is the husband or wife of a descendant.

Section 2. *Life Members.* Any person eligible to membership in this Society may become a

Life Member by paying to the Treasurer the sum of Twenty-five ($25.00) dollars, and thereafter, as long as he or she shall live, such Life Member shall be entitled to all the rights of members, without the payment of annual dues.

ARTICLE IV

Officers and Their Duties

Section 1. *Officers.* The Officers of this Society shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Recording Secretary, an Assistant Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Executive Board which shall consist of the officers already named and three additional members. All officers shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting of the Society, and shall serve for one year and until their successors are elected and qualify.

Any two offices except those of President and Vice-President may be filled by one and the same member; and, in the event that the officers shall consist of less than six members, there shall be elected as members of the Executive Board, in addition to the three members of said Board heretofore provided for, a number sufficient to make the entire membership of the Executive Board, including the officers, nine.

Section 2. *President.* The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society and of the Executive Board and shall be the chief executive officer and head of the Society. He shall perform all such duties as are incident to his office, or which may be required of him by the Executive Board.

Section 3. *Vice-President.* The Vice-President shall have such powers and shall perform such duties as may be assigned to him by the Executive Board. In case of the absence or disability of the President, the duties of the office of President shall be performed by the Vice-President.

SECTION 4. *Recording Secretary.* The Recording Secretary shall be ex-officio secretary of the Executive Board. He shall keep records of all votes and the minutes of all proceedings of the meetings of the Society and of the Executive Board in a book, to be kept for that purpose. He shall attend to the giving of proper notice of all meetings and shall in general perform all the duties incident to his office or which may be required of him by the Executive Board.

SECTION 4-A. *Assistant Recording Secretary.* The Assistant Recording Secretary shall assist the Recording Secretary in his duties, in such a manner as the Recording Secretary may request, and unless otherwise requested by the Recording Secretary, the Assistant Recording Secretary shall attend to the giving of proper notices of meetings and have the custody of the membership files, and shall in general perform all the duties incident to his office or which may be required of him by the Executive Board.

SECTION 5. *Corresponding Secretary.* The Corresponding Secretary shall attend to the correspondence of the Society, except the giving of notices of meetings. By virtue of his office he shall be the historian of the Society, and shall have the custody and control of papers, documents and the like of historical interest to the Society, and shall have charge of the genealogical data. He shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Executive Board.

SECTION 6. *Treasurer.* The Treasurer shall receive and disburse the funds of the Society under the direction of the Executive Board. He shall see that regular books are kept containing the accounts of the Society and shall render statements of its financial condition at the annual meeting of the Society, and whenever required by the Executive Board. He shall perform all duties incident to his office, or which may be required of him by the Executive Board. The Treasurer shall give a bond to the Society in

such an amount and terms, and with such surety as may be required by the Executive Board.

SECTION 7. *Executive Board.* The Executive Board shall have and exercise full control and management of the affairs and business of this Society, except such as are conferred by law or by these by-laws upon the members or upon officers of this Society. The Executive Board may adopt from time to time such rules and regulations, not inconsistent with these by-laws or with the law as the Executive Board may from time to time determine. It may delegate any of its powers and duties to any officer or committee consisting either of members of the Executive Board or of members of the Society, and it may by resolution appoint committees for furthering the interest of the Society, and may determine by resolution the powers and duties of such committees.

SECTION 8. *Vacancies.* In case of vacancy occurring in the office of any officer or member of the Executive Board by reason of death, resignation, disqualification or otherwise, the remaining members of the Executive Board by majority vote, by ballot, may elect a successor who shall hold office for the unexpired term.

ARTICLE V

MEETINGS OF THE SOCIETY

SECTION 1. *Annual Meeting.* The annual meeting of the members of this Society shall be held in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts subject to the call of the Executive Board, the time and place of said meeting to be determined by said Board. TEN MEMBERS SHALL CONSTITUTE A QUORUM AT ALL MEETINGS.

SECTION 2. *Special Meetings.* Special meetings of the Society for any purpose or purposes shall be held in either Boston, Mass., or Hingham, Mass., whenever called by a majority vote of the entire Executive Board. The resolution

calling a special meeting shall state the objects of such meetings and a copy of such resolution shall be included in the notice to members.

SECTION 3. *Notices.* Notice of any meeting, stating the time and place of said meeting, shall be mailed by the Recording Secretary at least thirty days prior to the meeting to each member of the Society at his address as the same appears on the books of the Society.

SECTION 4. *Order of Business.* The order of business of meetings of this Society shall be as follows:

(1) Roll Call, a quorum being present.

(2) Reading of Minutes of Preceding Meeting and action thereon.

(3) Reports of Officers.

(4) Reports of Committees.

(5) Action upon Reports of Officers and Committees.

(6) Unfinished Business.

(7) Election of Officers.

(8) New Business.

SECTION 5. *Adjournments.* If at any meeting duly called a quorum shall fail to attend, those present may adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice until a quorum shall attend, and thereupon any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the meeting as originally called had the same been held.

SECTION 6. *Elections.* At the election of officers the polls shall be opened and closed and all ballots shall be received and counted by two inspectors of election, who shall be appointed by the presiding officer of the meeting, shall be sworn faithfully to perform their duties, and shall in writing certify to the returns. All officers shall be elected by a majority of the members present and voting. The Executive Board may, if it sees fit, appoint a nominating committee before the meeting whose duty shall be to report to the

meeting a list of candidates nominated for the offices of the Society.

ARTICLE VI

Meetings of The Executive Board

Section 1. *Meetings.* The Executive Board may fix and declare the time and place of holding its meetings.

Section 2. *Calling of Meetings.* The meetings of the Executive Board shall be held whenever called by the President of the Society, and shall be called by the President whenever two or more members of the Executive Board shall in writing request that a meeting be held.

Section 3. *Notices.* Notices of all meetings of the Executive Board stating the time and place shall be mailed by the Recording Secretary at least ten days prior to the meeting to each member of the Executive Board at his address as the same appears on the books of the Society. A Quorum of The Executive Board Shall Consist of a Majority of the Whole Board for the Time Being in Office.

Section 4. *May Act without Meeting.* The Executive Board shall have power to act in the following manner: A resolution in writing signed by a majority of all the members in office shall be deemed to be the action of such Executive Board to the effect therein expressed, with the same force and effect as if the same had been duly passed by the same vote at a duly convened meeting, and it shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to record such resolution in the minute books of the Society under its proper date.

ARTICLE VII

Fiscal Year

Section 1. *Fiscal Year.* "The fiscal year of the Society shall be from January first to December thirty-first."

ARTICLE VIII

Dues and Finances

Section 1. *Dues.* The membership fee which each member shall pay on joining the Society shall be one dollar, and thereafter there shall be an annual fee of one dollar to be paid by each member to the Treasurer on the first day of January of each year. The application fees of all persons who apply for and obtain membership on or after the date of October first shall cover dues for the remainder of the current, and all of the following year. When a member is five years in arrears for annual dues his name shall be automatically dropped from the membership list.

Section 2. *Funds.* The funds of the Society shall be deposited by the Treasurer in the name of the Society in some Bank or Trust Company to be designated by the Executive Board. The funds of the Society shall be divided and separated—the separate accounts desingated respectively as the Expense Fund and the Memorial Fund.

Section 3. *Expense Fund.* All money received by the Treasurer from membership or annual dues shall be placed in the Expense Fund to be used by the Society under the direction of the Executive Board for the expenses of the Society including the holding of annual reunions. Any surplus in the Expense Fund may by direction of the Executive Board be transferred to the Memorial Fund.

Section 4. *Memorial Fund.* The Memorial Fund shall consist of such money as, from time to time, may be transferred to it from the Expense Fund by the Executive Board and also any voluntary subscriptions which may be received from members of the Society. The Executive Board shall have power in its discretion to appropriate money from this fund to the purchase of monuments or memorials or his-

torical buildings, and for land suitable for the erection of monuments or buildings. It may in its discretion sell lands, buildings, and other property of the Society and place the proceeds in the Memorial Fund.

ARTICLE IX

Amendments

Section 1. *Amendments.* These by-laws may be altered, amended or repealed at any annual meeting of the Society by a two-thirds vote of the membership present and voting, provided that the proposed alteration, amendment or resolution of repeal shall be presented in writing to the Recording Secretary sixty days previous to the annual meeting, and it shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to include in his notice of the annual meeting sent to the members of the Society a copy of the proposed alteration, amendment or resolution of repeal.

ARTICLE X

Honorary Vice-Presidents

Section 1. *Honorary Vice-Presidents.* In addition to the officers of the Society as heretofore stated in the by-laws, there shall be elected at each annual meeting of the Society three to eight honorary vice presidents who shall serve for one year or until their successors are elected and qualify and who shall perform such duties as may be assigned to them by the Executive Board or the Society. They shall be entitled to receive notice of all meetings of the Executive Board, and such honorary vice-presidents as attend the meetings of said Executive Board shall be entitled to participate therein, but their number shall not be computed in determining the number of the Executive Board, a majority of which constitutes a quorum, or in other words, a quorum shall consist of a majority of said Executive Board as heretofore constituted regardless of the number of honorary vice-presidents who may or may not attend.

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